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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
HIROSHI SATOMI ET AL.
Application No.: 09/547,397
Filed: April 11, 2000
For: INFORMATION SEARCH METHOD, INFORMATION SEARCH APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

An English translation of the article "A Temporal Link Mechanism for Hypermedia Broadcasting" is enclosed.

The article "Net-surfing School, For smoother operation" (in Japanese) discloses that when a domain name code and a following code are inputted to a browser, "http://" is automatically attached to the inputted code and the browser accesses a web page corresponding to the inputted code.

The concise explanation of relevance for the other non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge a first Office Action has not yet been received for this application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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